



AIR MEDAL . . . Sgt Clifford D. Powell of 2116 Gramercy ave., Torrance, is presented with the Air Medal by Major James C. McAtee of Viola, Ill., squadron commander in this well-known Liberator group. Sgt. Powell won this award for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in bomber combat missions over occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States," reads the citation. Sgt. Powell has participated in such celebrated attacks as those on Brunswick, Frankfurt and Munster.

QUESTIONNAIRE RETURNS INDICATE TREND TOWARD INDEPENDENT COLLEGE

Returns from the ballots printed in the Torrance Herald and Lomita News, last edition, regarding the proposal to establish a Junior college in the area west of the Los Angeles shoeing strip indicate a definite trend in favor of an independently operated college.

Merchant Group Sets Dates for Dollar Days

A city-wide Dollar Value Days merchandising event will be staged by Torrance retail stores on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12, it was unanimously voted by members of the retail merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their regular weekly luncheon yesterday. Merchants present at the meeting were emphatic in their determination to feature truly worth while, outstanding values on these two days. The merchants group also decided to secure membership in the Better Business Bureau, funds for which are available, according to Hillman R. Lee, chairman.

At the request of the general committee set up recently to study the proposal, headed by Oscar Willett, and of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the ballot is being printed again in this issue of the two newspapers with the plea that opinions be expressed freely regarding the problem.

"We can be guided in our program only by what the attitude of the people is, and this is the best way to get an answer," said Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the chamber and secretary of the Junior college committee.

The chamber also has mailed out several hundred ballots throughout the district.

Regarding this, Secretary Lewis said:

"At our last meeting, the chairman instructed the secretary to draw up a questionnaire, designed to obtain definite reactions from the communities involved. The questionnaire is reproduced below and the committee members are requested to furnish this form to their local newspapers, chambers of commerce, city officials, school principals, and others interested, whose answers can be regarded as the voice of the citizenry. In the event you are unable to have this form drawn up in sufficient quantities, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be more than pleased to send you an ample supply on request.

"It will greatly facilitate the work of the committee if you can obtain the definite answers to the questions embraced in the questionnaire in time for the next meeting, which will be held early in August, to permit further early action in the direction desired by the majority of the communities and their citizens."

10,000 Expected To See Big Rodeo, Parade In August

A Saturday night show, a Sunday noon parade and a Sunday afternoon performance—three big events—will attract upwards of 10,000 visitors to Torrance on Aug. 19 and 20, when the Second Annual Torrance Rodeo is staged for the benefit of the U.S.O. club here.

More than \$2000 in prizes will be awarded rodeo performers, and the affair will be the biggest event of the Cowboy Association of America to be staged in California this year, according to H. C. "Curley" Callihan, president of the Torrance Annual Rodeo Association.

The first perpetual trophy of the association will be awarded this year, and trophies will be given for the best parade entries, including men's plain or western, women's plain or western, clubs or groups, matched pairs, silver mounted and best of all (attention kids) the best children's entry.

More than 90 head of finest rodeo stock will be on hand and more than 500 horses are expected to be in the big rodeo parade.

13 New Members Of Chamber are Announced

Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce membership committee, which is now conducting a campaign for new members, announces the following new members during the current week:

Carson Mart, Charles F. Koors, Dr. Rollin R. Smith, Torrance Flower Show, Loyal Order of Moose, Women of the Moose, Business and Professional Women's Club; O. A. Kresse, General Superintendent Columbia Steel Company; Don Hyde, Supervisor of Industrial Relations Columbia Steel Company; Paul Watson, Sheet Mill Superintendent Columbia Steel Company; D. S. Faulkner, Vice President National Supply Company; F. J. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer National Supply Company, and R. R. Smith, Superintendent Industrial Relations National Supply Company.

A large increase in professional, commercial and industrial memberships have been taken out in the chamber in the recent past, also a number of individual memberships by clubs and private citizens. Lee urges all citizens who are interested in the progress and prosperity of the community to join the chamber during the present membership campaign.

FIRST VISIT IN YEARS
David Gibson of Kentucky is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Tom Bailey, 1720 260th st. This is the first time since 1912 that the brother and sister have seen each other, and they are enjoying the visit very much. Mr. Gibson, who is a Spanish American War veteran, is planning to purchase a home in California and remain here.

JUNIOR COLLEGE QUESTIONNAIRE

MAIL OR RETURN TO TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1119 Sartori Ave., Torrance, California

QUESTION: ANSWER: Yes No

1. Do you want a Junior College?
2. Would you favor merging all areas and communities west of the Los Angeles shoeing strip into a Junior College District?
3. Do you want a Junior College run by Los Angeles City?
4. Would you rather have an independent Junior College outside the Los Angeles city system?

(Signature Optional)

MAILS SUPERINTENDENT NAMED HERE AS VOLUME OF BUSINESS INCREASES

Torrance postoffice, by virtue of the tremendous increase in its volume of business, now has a superintendent of mails and honor of the appointment to this position has gone to George A. Hannan, senior carrier of the local office.

Superintendent Hannan already has taken over his new duties, in accordance with U. S. civil service seniority rules, and while now on probation, the appointment will be permanent in September.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner, in announcing the eligibility of Torrance postoffice for this position and the appointment of Hannan to the job, said that the local office, long first class, is pacing the growth of Torrance itself and that from all evidence, the volume of business being done here is of a permanent nature, not necessarily due to slack off after the war.

Receipts during the fiscal year ending June 30 reached \$106,773 and it is anticipated that the total for the calendar year probably will approximate \$125,000. Torrance's first superintendent of mails is a native of West Virginia who came to Torrance in December, 1920. He worked at the steel and glass plants, and was appointed as a mail carrier in July, 1925. He graduated from Torrance High school in 1924.

He has been a mail carrier since that time and is the oldest in point of service in the department.

Unmarried, he is 39 years of age, and is living with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Hannan at 916 Acacia ave.

Postmaster Conner said that the Torrance office now has six city carriers, two rural carriers, eight regular clerks, two custodial employees and 11 war or temporary employees.

Assistant Postmaster is Louis H. Deisinger, the only local postal official senior to Superintendent of Mails Hannan, other than the postmaster himself.

Hannan has been congratulated all along his old route and by hundreds of other Torrance residents as a result of his appointment. Postmaster Conner said.

J. L. RUSH IS NEW MAYOR OF GARDENA

As newly elected chairman of the City Council, J. L. Rush succeeds the late Wayne A. Bogart as Mayor of Gardena.

Gilbert Pott, who has been appointed a fifth member of the Council.

Bogart, mayor of Gardena since its incorporation, except for a short period, died several weeks ago.

Gambling Arrest Draws Fines In Police Court

Accused of allowing gambling in his place of business, John Lopez was fined \$200, with \$100 suspended, by City Judge Otto Willett Monday.

A. Hermenegildo, M. Araiza and G. Escobar each were fined \$15, accused of gambling in the store.

The group was arrested Sunday by Torrance police.

Drew King drew a fine of \$100 for driving while under the influence of liquor, which he paid.

J. A. Hernandez and Richard Belardes, accused of felonious assault on Elmo and Oliver C. Peterson, have been certified to Juvenile court. Both are accused of an attack on the men following a traffic dispute.

Son Born to Sgt. and Mrs. N. T. Whitney

Birth of a son, Neil Douglas, to Sgt. and Mrs. N. T. Whitney, of 1414 Cravens ave., Torrance, last Friday was revealed as the sergeant came to the Torrance Herald office to visit with his former coworkers prior to his return to Camp Polk, La.

Sgt. Whitney, former Herald employee and on military leave from the Torrance Fire department, was home for the happy event, and said that both Mrs. Whitney, Torrance elementary school teacher, and the baby boy are doing fine. He is their first child.

The sergeant is in chemical warfare work and left on Wednesday, following a 15 day visit here.

TORRANCE FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE EXCEEDS AMOUNT SET FOR CITY; BUYING CONTINUES

Torrance is over the top in its Fifth war loan drive, Chairman Hillman R. Lee announced today. Presented with a quota of \$300,000 more than the quota of the Fourth war loan drive, Torrance put its shoulder to the wheel and came through, he said. Exact figures are not complete, due to allocations from corporations, according to Chairman Lee, but the total with the exception of the allocations and the individual purchases received late today was \$389,118,

"Help! Help!" Cries Daniels as Volunteers Leave

"Help! Help! Help!" It's Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk Torrance War Price and Ration Board, appealing for good-hearted, patriotic citizens to help him out of a "jam."

Vacation has taken nearly all of his 15 to 20 volunteer workers away from him. The result is that his office is about six days behind schedule.

Where the office formerly was able to give from 24 to 48 hour service, now it cannot promise anything.

Daniels needs volunteer help morning or afternoon; you can work a long time or a short time it's all very simple; just writing longhand.

The chief clerk says that the "jam" has to be broken now or it will take months to clear up the backlog of ration applications.

In the interest of speedy handling of your rationing needs, "get in and help," Daniels advises.

If you can spare some time, no pay, just the satisfaction of doing something for the war effort and for yourself, call Daniels on Torrance 25 or see him at the board office.

Dog Poisoner Appears In Torrance Area

The K. P. Cates family, residing at 1521 Carson st., is out to find the meanest man or woman who put poisoned meat into their yard and killed their beautiful red cocker spaniel Boomer.

The poisoning, with strychnine occurred Tuesday morning, July 11. Gordo, playmate of the pet, also was poisoned, but quick work of a veterinarian saved this dog.

Police joined with the Cates in terming the poisoner a potential murderer, due to throwing strychnine around where children can pick it up.

Chamber Asks Volunteer Ration Board Help

Torrance Chamber of Commerce is urging local cooperation in supplying the War Price and Ration board here with volunteer help to overcome the bottleneck existing there due to the summer vacation period.

The following communication has been sent out to the Torrance civic and service clubs by President James L. Lynch:

"The Torrance headquarters of the Office of Price Administration and Rationing Board, 2800 Carson st., telephone 371, is direly in need of voluntary part-time assistants, according to Frank W. Daniels, manager.

"The Torrance Rationing Board has always enjoyed an excellent reputation for service and courtesy—a reputation the citizens of Torrance would like to retain. This will not be possible unless this canvass for aid is successful.

"If each civic and service club in Torrance could furnish the services of one member to serve for approximately four hours per week, we will be in a position to continue the excellent service rendered in the past.

"In the event you are able to appoint a representative from your club to serve on the Torrance Rationing Board, or further information is desired, it is requested that you contact Mr. Daniels."

Local Leaders Will Attend League Meeting

Mayor W. H. Tolson, together with local city officials and civil leaders, will attend the meeting of the California League of Municipalities to be held tonight in Pasadena.

Among those planning to go to the affair are Police Chief John Stroh, Fire Chief J. E. Masterson, Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, President James Lynch of the chamber, Philip Van Dyke and Chapman Wentworth, directors of the organization.

MRS. SCHIEBLER RECEIVES PURPLE HEART AWARDED HUSBAND KILLED IN WAR

Mrs. Helen Schiebler, 1605 Amapola ave., this week received from the Navy department the Purple Heart medal posthumously awarded to her husband, Clarence Theodore Schiebler, chief electrician's mate, who was killed in the sinking of the aircraft carrier Hornet on Oct. 26, 1942.

Mrs. Schiebler, who is employed in the local War Price and Ration Board office, received the medal on Tuesday.

The Order of the Purple Heart was established by General Washington in an order of the day Aug. 7, 1782, in recognition of "bravery, fidelity and good conduct" among his men. The award is made in World War II to persons who while serving the nation "perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service."

Clarence Theodore Schiebler's case warranted the award of the Order of the Purple Heart, Mrs. Schiebler was told by the Navy department. He was 33 years of age and had enlisted in the Navy and had served 15 months of his fourth period of enlistment when he was killed while serving on the Hornet.

In addition to his widow, he left two young sons, Teddy and Jimmy, both born here.

Carson Street School Will be Reconstructed

Carson Street school, closed for several years due to earthquake damage, will be reconstructed and strengthened by the Los Angeles city board of education at an estimated cost of \$57,000.

Bids will be opened by the board at its office at 1425 S. San Pedro st., Los Angeles, on Aug. 3, and notice to contractors is being published in this edition of the Torrance Herald.

Reconstruction of the building will somewhat relieve the congestion in elementary schools of the Los Angeles district in this area, and it is expected additional classrooms will be provided.

At present there are several wooden bungalows on the school ground, but the old brick building has been completely closed down pending its repair.

The work will require several months to complete, it was said.

Legion Will Install In Redondo Club

Installation of officers of Bert L. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, Torrance, will take place in the American Legion club at Redondo Beach on July 31, at 6:30 p.m., the affair to be preceded by a dinner meeting.

Lester Fix is succeeding I. J. Hallanger as commander of the post, and the installation will be a joint affair with Redondo post.

Robert Farren is the new first vice commander; J. Brodie, second vice commander; L. V. Babcock, re-elected treasurer; Frank Richardson, sergeant-at-arms; S. Whiting, historian; J. Burehett, re-elected as chaplain; Nolan Beadle, service officer. The new executive committee consists of Hallanger, L. Barkdull, D. Murphy and J. O'Toole. Delegates to the state convention are Beadle, O'Toole and E. Youngkin, with Fix, Hallanger and S. Smith as alternates.

Dr. Nelson Will Address Rotary Club Tonight

Dr. Elmer Nelson, public relations officer for the Office of Price Administration, will be the guest speaker at Torrance Rotary club meeting tonight at 6:25 o'clock at Evangelical Guild Hall.

The program is being arranged by Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance War Price and Ration Board, and the subject of Dr. Nelson's talk will be "Postwar Planning."

Navy Plans Big Supply Depot In This Area

The U. S. Navy will spend \$5,500,000 for a vast new supply depot somewhere in the harbor area, it was disclosed yesterday by Washington sources following repeated rumors that Navy authorities have been negotiating for space for the project.

It was learned by the Herald that one of the sites being considered is located in the Torrance area, and it also reported that the Navy will purchase rather than lease the property and will gradually develop a permanent base rather than build structures on leased land.

The present supply depot at the outer harbor, established after the war started, utilizes the large Los Angeles municipally owned warehouse and several one-story temporary buildings and portions of a municipal pier. For the proposed permanent base, it was indicated the Navy will take property not now fully developed to avoid displacing any commercial enterprise.

Vets Returning Flood USES Office Here

Visits of returning service men and women to Torrance U. S. Employment Service office has reached an average of nearly 130 monthly, according to an announcement today by K. E. Bradley, manager, local office of the War Manpower Commission.

Bradley reported that during June 128 veterans visited the Torrance office. This was an increase of 3 over the 125 total for May.

He pointed out that 83 of these veterans were applicants for jobs with 63 of them being placed in jobs during the month of June. These figures compared with 77 veteran job applicants in May and 60 May placements. Bradley said that veterans visit U.S.E.S. offices for a variety of purposes besides job placement.

"The U. S. Employment Service's 'one-stop service' for returning servicemen and women has been publicized widely and thousands of veterans go there for guidance in how to go about qualifying for the wide variety of benefits and services offered them by the federal government and other agencies. Many other veterans, while seeking jobs, are in no hurry to make up their minds, and their visits, to look over the current job opportunities, are not reflected in our job applications figures."

Bradley reported that throughout Southern California a total of 5,259 veterans made applications for jobs during June compared with 5,013 in May and 2,516 were placed in jobs during the past month against 2,659 placed in May.